



**CENTRAL
GOLDFIELDS**
SHIRE COUNCIL



Community Update

Winter 2022

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Pictured:

Introducing our new Central Goldfields Shire Youth Council. For the full story see page 4 and 5.

Welcome to our Winter edition of Community Update.

Our recent Community Satisfaction Survey has confirmed that Council newsletters delivered to your mailbox are the most popular form of our community engagement. I know you will find the information in this edition no less rewarding as it covers a range of interesting activities.

We introduce you to our new Youth Council and you can meet each member and find out a little about them, their interests and what they want to achieve.

The Victorian Government funding for a Youth Council was especially welcome given how impactful these have been in other locations and the opportunity they offer to develop leadership capability in young people.

It was a real thrill to be invited to join the selection panel for the Youth Council and interview the young people (14-23 years of age) who have nominated for this role and then to meet with them in their induction program during the recent school holidays. Council is very much looking forward to working with the Youth Council. It will be exciting to see the leadership structure which they adopt and the priorities which they set. They are an inspiring group who are thoughtful, keen to contribute to the community and their peers and see the opportunity for personal growth.

One of the tasks of Victorian Mayors is to report back to their communities on the progress of implementation of the four-year Council Plans which were adopted last year. Given the popularity of this Community News publication we thought this would be a good vehicle to do just that, so in this edition and in the ones which follow, you will be able to read about our progress and the deliverables we are achieving.

The coverage of each Ward showing some of the key activities taking place, with an introduction by the Ward Councillor has been popular and we have continued this in the present edition.

Partnerships with countless community organisations and the considerable number of volunteers which support them, make our Shire the wonderful community it is. The Community Grants Program is one practical way Council can support this contribution, and it is good to share in this edition this year's recipients.

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2021 Census data

The first release of the 2021 Census data is now available.

Conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics every five years, the Census is a national survey which reveals the economic, social and cultural make-up of our states, cities and towns.

In the Central Goldfields since 2016:

- Our population has increased 3.75% from 12,995 to 13,483 people
- An additional 368 homes have been built
- Our median age is 52 years, rising from 50 years of age
- Our average weekly income is \$503- a rise of 11%
- 47% of our population own their own homes
- 16.3% of our population volunteers

You can explore data from the 2021 Census at www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data

Congratulations Cr Grace La Vella

Maryborough Ward Councillor Grace La Vella has been reappointed to the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board for a three-year period.

The Board is the governing body of the VLGA and sets long term strategy and policy for the organisation.

Cr La Vella was elected to the Board in June after being co-opted to the VLGA Board on 1 January 2021 following a resignation.

Funding for community projects

Fourteen local groups and organisations have shared in more than \$33,250 worth of funding, thanks to Council's 2022-2023 Community Grants Program.

Held annually, the grants program provides community-based organisations with financial support to deliver activities, programs, small events, equipment and infrastructure.

Congratulations to the following recipients and best of luck for the delivery of your projects.

Pictured right:

2022-2023 Community Grant recipients.



Maryborough Community House for Volunteer Resource Centre	Website updates and maintenance	\$2,400
Talbot Action Inc.	Decorations and choral performance at Light Up Talbot Christmas Concert	\$1,750
Dunolly Today Tomorrow	Reinstate Dunolly Gold Rush Festival	\$2,000
Talbot Farmers Market	Website redesign	\$1,200
Maryborough Little Athletics	New wireless timing gates	\$5,000
Maryborough Horse Riding Club	Installation of competition standard dressage and show jumping arena	\$5,100
Maryborough Midlands Historical Society	Laptop and digital scanner for Worsley Cottage	\$1,306
Maryborough Family History Group	New printer	\$723
Maryborough Lawn Tennis	Floor upgrade for clubhouse	\$4,000
Maryborough Girl Guides	Installation of audio-visual equipment	\$2,250
The Welcome Record	New office equipment	\$3,000
Dunolly Bowling Club Inc.	Installation of flat, one level pathway for accessibility	\$1,500
Goldfields Image Makers & Camera Club	New digital presentation equipment	\$1,000
St John Ambulance Maryborough	Promotion and training for 10 volunteers including uniforms	\$2,021

Commonwealth Games 2026

Have you heard the news?

Victoria is set to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games between 17 and 29 March, 2026 with events being held at regional cities across the state including Bendigo and Ballarat.

Given our close proximity to both regional cities, we're investigating ways in which the Central Goldfields community can benefit from the games, such as tourism opportunities and regional recreational events.

If successful, there would be opportunities for us to secure funding for key projects such as upgrades to Princes Park, Maryborough Outdoor Pool and the Maryborough Railway Station.

Watch this space!

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS YOUTH

We're excited to introduce the 13 local young people who have been appointed as our Central Goldfields Youth Council.


Our Youth Council will serve a term of 18 months, starting in July 2022 and finishing in December 2023.

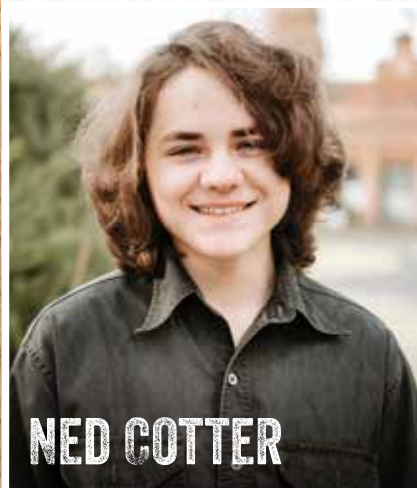
As the Youth Council of Central Goldfields, members will have a unique opportunity to help build a vibrant youth voice in our community.

Congratulations to the following young people who are profiled on this page – along with **Felix Skilling** and **Talos Adcock** – who were unable to be photographed and profiled by the time of this magazine going to print.

The establishment of the Youth Council is funded by the Victorian Government through the Engage! program.

For more information on our Youth Council:

 www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil



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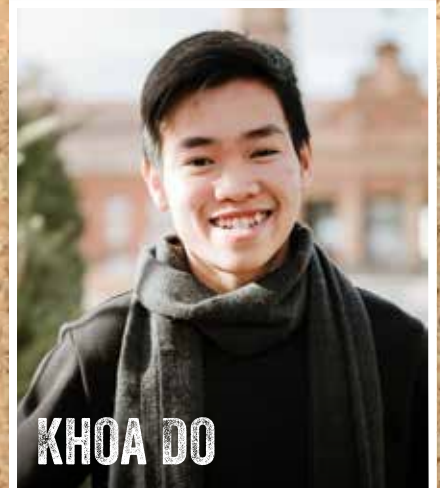
STUDENT, 16

Interests/hobbies:

Engineering, computer science.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Equal educational opportunities.



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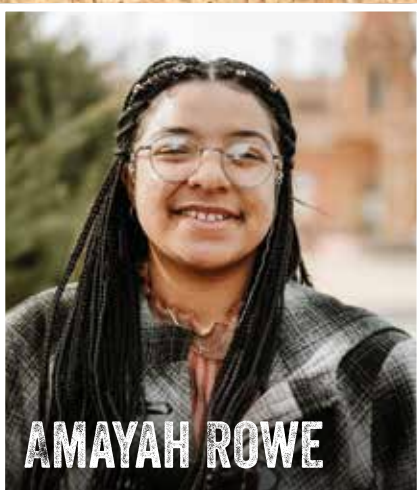
STUDENT, 15

Interests/hobbies:

Football, cricket, taekwondo, reading, chess.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Positive youth engagement.



AMAYAH ROWE

STUDENT, 17

Interests/hobbies:

Music, art, performance.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Kill off ignorance.



SAFHIRA ROWE

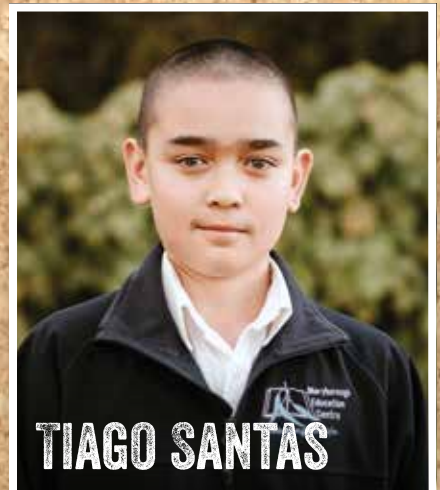
STUDENT, 16

Interests/hobbies:

Most things robotic and STEM based.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Inclusivity, equality, fair.



TIAGO SANTAS

STUDENT, 14

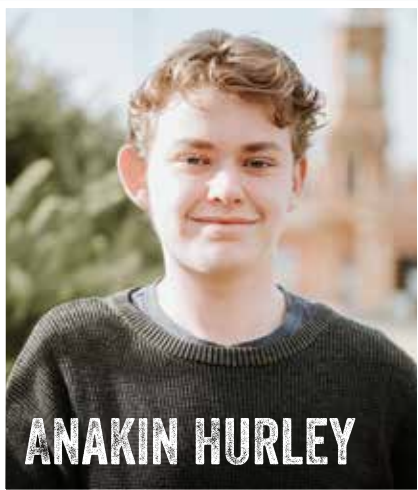
Interests/hobbies:

Cadets.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

More youth activities.

INTRODUCING OUR YOUTH COUNCIL



ANAKIN HURLEY

STUDENT, 15

Interests/hobbies:

Reading, writing.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

More youth engagement.



SILAS KNIGHTON-WEIRE

STUDENT, 16

Interests/hobbies:

Video games, computers, archery, film/media.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Equity for all.



ELIZABETH LEWINGTON

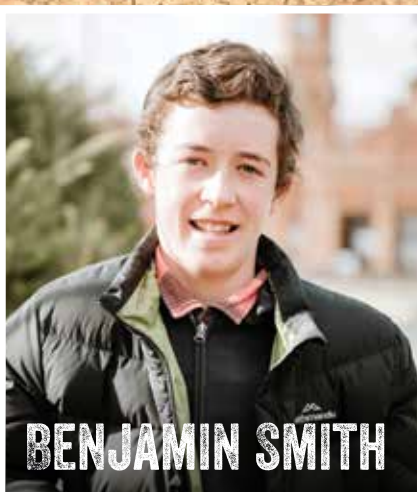
STUDENT, 15

Interests/hobbies:

Netball and Girl Guides.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Enjoyment of youth.



BENJAMIN SMITH

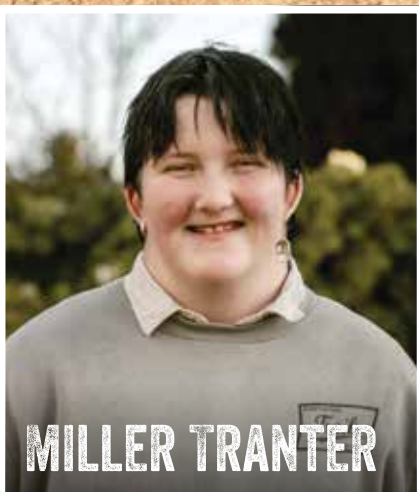
STUDENT, 16

Interests/hobbies:

Football, cricket, agriculture and working with wood.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Focus for farmers.



MILLER TRANTER

STUDENT, 15

Interests/hobbies:

Music, art and theatre.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Enjoyment, opportunities, friends.



ANNABELLE VERDON-PRICE

STUDENT, 14

Interests/hobbies:

Netball, mathematics.

In three words, what do you hope to achieve during your role on Youth Council?

Inclusive community involvement.



Main Street upgrade

The \$380,000 upgrade to Main Street in Bealiba was completed in June. The project was funded through the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.



Councillor Liesbeth Long Flynn Ward

Another busy few months in Flynn Ward. The local farmers have finished seeding and it is great to see all the emerging crops around the district.

First up, how fantastic does Main Street in Bealiba look? Recent upgrades have been a huge boon to the town.

Moving to Dunolly and the Dunolly Gold Rush Festival is all systems go! I am in awe with the mountain of work Dunolly and District Incorporated (DDI) are putting into this festival. If you haven't already, put Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October in your diary!



And finally, the proposed new Deledio Pavilion is firmly on the radar of both Federal and State members of parliament. The Deledio Reserve Sports Committee have pledged to raise \$100,000 by the end of the year and are urging locals to purchase a paver in the 'Paver Fundraising' drive. For more info, contact the Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre or any of the local sporting clubs.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I'm contactable by phone, text, email or on social media
[#councillorliesbethlong](#)



Dunolly wayfinding signage

In response to community feedback, two wayfinding signs will be installed in Dunolly in the coming months.

The signs will help visitors find their way around the township. They will include motivational copy, maps highlighting attractions and facilities as well as information about various points of interest.

Following a public consultation period, the signs will be located in Broadway and Gordon Gardens.

This project is funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



Image:
Proposed fabrication style for the new wayfinding signage.

Deledio Recreation Reserve

Advocacy for the upgrade of Dunolly's Deledio Recreation Reserve is continuing.

\$5 million in funding is being sought for a major upgrade to the facility.

In June, Member for Ripon Louise Staley made an election commitment of \$1.5 million for the project if a Victorian Liberal Government is successful at the November state election.

This project is one of Council's Priority Projects and Council will continue to work with local groups to investigate funding opportunities and provide support for applications.

Dunolly Swimming Pool

Maintenance works on both the pool structure and filtration systems will be completed thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding.

Maryborough Retail Recovery Program

The retail industry in Maryborough has been significantly affected by the economic impacts of COVID over recent years.

It has shown remarkable resilience to date but needs support in order to adapt and facilitate growth in the face of on-going challenges.

Thanks to a \$40,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Regional Recovery Fund, Council recently adopted the Maryborough Retail Recovery Program to support the local retail sector.

For more information, visit:
www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/retailrecoveryprogram

Understanding staffing needs

Staff and skills shortages are affecting businesses big and small – both locally and nationally.

Council recently surveyed and met with more than 50 local businesses who saw workforce challenges as a common issue, made harder by COVID.

Council is now exploring opportunities for training to assist with skills enhancement of existing staff, potential new employees, or those looking to re-enter the workforce to meet current and future staff shortages.

For more information, including a report on the findings, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/staffneeds

Rinaldi's Fashions owner Linda Parry said it was important to future-proof local businesses:

“Local businesses employ local people and contributing to the local economy is integral to every small community.

“It's important there are steps in place to ensure we will be around for years to come and this retail recovery program is a step in the right direction in terms of understanding our needs and challenges.”

To further support our local businesses, community leaders, including Council, will be participating in a pilot project to attract skilled migrants to the Shire and specifically Maryborough.

Local businesses will have the opportunity to tap into the project by potentially recruiting specialist staff into roles they have previously had challenges in filling.

More information will come, including how you can play a part in welcoming new people to the Central Goldfields, visit

www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/welcometocentralgoldfields



Introducing Invest Loddon Mallee

In early July, a new website titled Invest Loddon Mallee was launched.

The website is an initiative created by the 10 Local Government Areas that make up Victoria's Loddon Mallee region. Invest Loddon Mallee is for anyone looking to do business in our region, providing a comprehensive source of investment related information and links to further resources and support.

www.investloddonmallee.com.au



Discover hidden gems across the Central Goldfields

Have you noticed the bright blue carts in Dunolly, Talbot and Maryborough over the past few months?

They are part of the Makers and Collectors Market trail held on the second Sunday of every month between 11am and 4pm.

The concept, aimed at supporting the local business community, encourages visitors to use the online trail map at www.makerscollectors.com.au to plan their journey.

The Makers & Collectors Market is a Council initiative made possible thanks to the Victorian Government's COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund.





Cr Anna De Villiers Tullaroop Ward

Tullaroop Ward has experienced a very exciting 18 months since the new Councillors took office. A lot has happened and is still ongoing. The restoration of the roof of the Town Hall, and commencing construction at the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve to name two.

The recent Census survey also indicated that the Central Goldfields Shire performed exceptionally well with the number of volunteers involved in the community.

However, we also know that COVID played a role in many people walking away from volunteering. Community groups need your support. In Tullaroop Ward, Council is advertising for expressions of interest to serve on the Carisbrook Town Hall Community Asset Committee – a significant heritage asset.

I would like to encourage people from within the community to step forward, put your hand up and become involved. Volunteering has been demonstrated to be one of the most rewarding activities and best of all, could be added to your resume.



Recreation Reserve

Works on the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade are continuing, with the slab for the main pavilion and the bowls pavilion now poured (pictured above).

This \$4.9 million project is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council.

[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/
carisbrookrecreationreserve](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookrecreationreserve)

Carisbrook Town Hall Community Asset Committee

We're inviting Carisbrook residents to express their interest in being part of the Carisbrook Town Hall Community Asset Committee.

It's an opportunity to learn new skills, represent your community and support the running of this significant community facility. Expressions of interest close on Friday 19 August, 2022.

[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/
carisbrookcacs](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookcacs)

Tullaroop Leisure Centre Community Asset Committee

Council is in the process of appointing community members to the Tullaroop Leisure Centre Community Asset Committee, following an expression of interest process.

Community Asset Committees are established by Council under the Local Government Act 2020 with specific delegated powers and functions to manage Council-owned or controlled assets in our Shire.

[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/
carisbrookcacs](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookcacs)



Outdoor exercise equipment

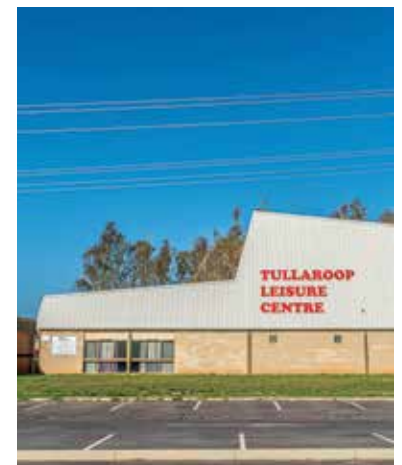
The new outdoor exercise equipment at Market Reserve is expected to be installed in late August. The project is thanks to the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.

Final stage of Levee to begin

Stage Four, the final stage of the Carisbrook Levee project, will commence late August and is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The project, jointly funded by Federal and State governments and Council, will be delivered by Doran Earthmoving.

[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/
carisbrooklevee](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrooklevee)

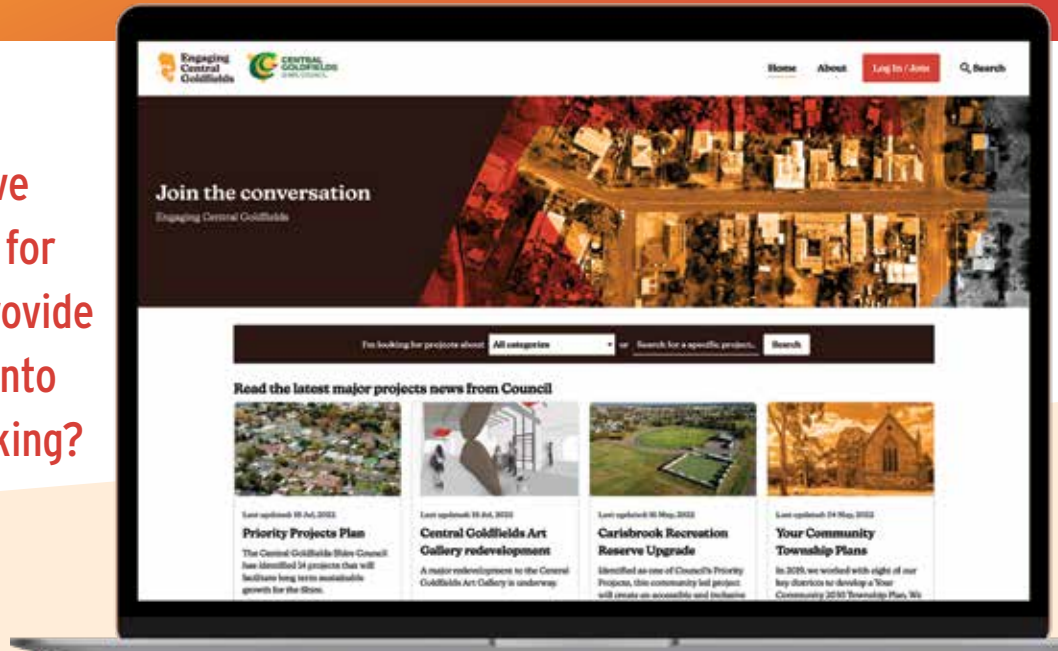


ENGAGE WITH US

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Did you know we have a dedicated website for the community to provide feedback and input into Council decision making?

We encourage you to visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au to find out about current and past engagement opportunities as well as information about major projects.



Thank you to everyone who provided input into these recently adopted items:

- Climate Action Plan 2022–2030
- Annual Budget 2022–2023
- Motorised Mobility Scooter Strategic Plan
- Asset Plan 2022–2032

To find out more about these items visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au



Let's talk waste and recycling!

The Victorian Government is changing the way councils collect household rubbish and recycling. The changes, aimed at encouraging reuse and recycling, will commence in October 2023 and include:

- Glass will be prohibited from your Yellow Lidded Recycling Bin from October 2023.
- Instead, your glass will need to be placed in dedicated glass drop off bins which will be located at the transfer stations (Carisbrook, Dunolly and Talbot) and at various other locations across the Shire (we'll be working with our community to determine where these locations should be).
- New, Food and Organics Bins will be located at transfer stations. The green/organics bin will continue to be an optional service for residents in urban areas.

Watch this space!

To help our community understand the changes, we'll be talking and engaging with residents in the lead up to October next year.

We'll also be inviting you to help us better understand what works, and what can be improved, in the delivery of waste and recycling services.

Keep an eye out in future editions of this magazine for more information or visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/waste

MARYBOROUGH WARD NEWS



Cr Geoff Lovett Maryborough Ward

Everywhere I go in Maryborough there is activity. Residential housing sales are booming, with unprecedented prices being achieved. Building activity remains at record levels.

In the CBD we are seeing empty shops being filled, and Nolan Street reinvigorated with the reopening of IGA, and relocation of Toyota.

The Library upgrade has been completed, along with new, extended opening hours. Major works at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery are well advanced, and when completed this will enable us to mount a much broader range of exhibitions.

Work is about to begin on construction of the new Skate and Scooter Park. When completed it will be one of the best in regional Victoria.

And of course our Hospital redevelopment, possibly the largest investment in Maryborough's history. The architect's concept drawings have been released, the student accommodation building is going up, and the former Baby Health Centre demolished.

I believe all the indicators are pointing in the right direction, and that we should all feel extremely positive about our future.



Councillor
Wayne Sproull



Councillor
Gerard Murphy



Councillor
Grace La Vella

Project Updates

Completed

- ✔ **Outdoor exercise equipment, Adventure Playground, Princes Park.** Funded by the Victorian Government. (Pictured above: Maryborough Ward Councillor Gerard Murphy with Maryborough residents Coralie and Cheryl trying out the new equipment).

Underway

- 🕒 **Central Goldfields Art Gallery redevelopment.** Completion expected late 2022. Jointly funded by Victorian Government and Council.
- 🕒 **Phillips Gardens irrigation upgrade.** Completion expected late September. Funded by the Victorian Government

Coming Soon

- 🕒 **New Skate and Scooter Park, Adventure Playground, Princes Park.** Commencing August for completion late October – weather permitting. Jointly funded by Victorian Government, Council and Community Bank Maryborough, Avoca and St Arnaud (in partnership with the Maryborough Lions Club).
- 🕒 **Stage Two of the Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project.** Commencing later this year. Jointly funded by Victorian Government and Council.

For more information about these projects visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Maryborough Outdoor Pool future

Council will continue to advocate to State and Federal Governments for funding to rebuild the heritage-listed Maryborough 50 metre outdoor pool, with the pool to close until funding can be secured.

Endorsed at the July Council Meeting, the decision comes after a further assessment of the pool identified the condition of the pool has declined since the previous assessment in April 2021 with the pool having reached the 'end of life' stage and cannot be re-opened until the pool is demolished and rebuilt.

Using the \$2 million in Victorian Government funding announced in 2020 on the 50-metre pool would be a short-term patch job and would not address the increasingly declining integrity of the pool shell. Council is working with Heritage Victoria to use the \$2 million in funding to upgrade the octagonal pool, the plant room and the main entrance building.

Council will work with Heritage Victoria to ensure the heritage significance of the complex is maintained.

Council is working with Unified Community Sport and Leisure to create opportunities for local residents to access alternative pool facilities during the upcoming summer season. Free entry at the Dunolly and Talbot outdoor pools will be offered with extended opening hours and free entry vouchers for young people (through the FReeZA and Engage program) will be offered at the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre.

"We understand that the closure of this much-loved facility will cause inconvenience and disappointment to our local community.

"The reality is that the pool is more than 80 years old. We can't justify having \$2 million spent on the pool that would just be a patch job – we'd be back in this position in a few years' time" – Maryborough Ward Councillor Geoff Lovett.

Council is working closely with the schools, the Maryborough Swimming Club and the Maryborough District Triathlon Club to support them to deliver their school carnivals and events at alternative facilities.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



The Nest is now re-opened!

Maryborough is home to a new, dedicated space for parents and children to meet, learn and share.

A Go Goldfields initiative, The Nest is located in the Maryborough Resource Centre (in the former Visitor Information Centre space) next to the Library.

It's a place where families can meet other parents, pick up general parenting info and resources, find out about programs, and get help with registering children for kindergarten and other services.



The Nest is open every Tuesday from 10am to 1pm, Thursdays from 1pm to 2.30pm and Friday 10am to 1pm.

For more information, and to keep up to date with events and activities follow The Nest – Central Goldfields on Facebook.



Scan QR code for more info and to contact via Facebook

Did you know the Maryborough Library recently extended its opening hours?

The Library is now open from 9am to 5pm each weekday and 9am to 12pm Saturdays – giving you an additional 5.5 hours of Library access each week. There's always something on at the Library – make sure you follow their Facebook page for updates.



Congratulations and welcome!

In July, we welcomed seven new citizens as part of a Citizenship Ceremony in Maryborough.

The seven residents from Sri Lanka, Canada, New Zealand, Philippines and India, became Australian citizens at the ceremony.

Council administers Citizenship Ceremonies on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs.

PADDY'S RANGES WARD NEWS



Rowe Street and Prince Alfred Street

The \$670,000 upgrade to Rowe Street and Prince Alfred Street in Talbot was completed in June. The project was fully funded by Council and delivered by our Operations team.



Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor Paddy's Ranges Ward

It's so good to see the priority enhancements in the community halls and playgrounds already completed in Adelaide Lead and Daisy Hill. Further work is now underway in Talbot to replace the Town Hall toilets.

Work will soon commence on the much needed external restoration of the old Dunach School at Talbot Museum which will smarten the whole complex.

Council road construction work on Prince Alfred Street and Rowe Street has been completed and is looking tremendous with tree planting on both sides of Prince Alfred Street forming an avenue down to the School.

Talbot has benefited with a grant of \$14,000 from the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tree Planting grants enabling 40 trees to be planted to restore our former Avenue of Honour. Thanks to Council staff for assisting.

Also great we have a new cafe eatery business operating at London House.



New seating at Pioneer Park

Two new bench seats have been installed at Pioneer Park next to the outdoor exercise equipment thanks to the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.

Talbot Futures Project update

A centralised sewerage system for Talbot continues to be a priority for Council.

In September 2021, the Victorian Government announced \$630,000 that has enabled the commencement of the Structure Plan and Business Case for the Talbot Futures Project. Council has also contributed \$60,000.

This planning work will identify options for a centralised sewerage system and provide up to date cost estimates for a preferred option. Council is partnering with Central Highlands Water on the engineering aspects of the project.

The Talbot community will play a key role in the shaping of this project and several engagement and communication opportunities will be provided. Watch this space!



Community upgrades

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Funding program (phase three) – the following projects will be delivered in Talbot:

- Talbot Outdoor Swimming Pool – various repairs of structural and compliance issues and improved all-abilities access.
- Talbot Town Hall toilets.



A new tenant for London House

London House in Talbot has recently re-opened with a new café operator. Belinda Fabry (formerly of Madam Chi Chi Café in Maryborough and Gerard Murphy (Central Goldfields Shire Councillor) were successful applicants of the lease agreement.

Given Councillor Murphy's business interest in the lease, probity advisors AFS & Associates were appointed to review the process to ensure that it had been conducted in accordance with Council's Property Occupancy Policy and that any conflicts of interest had been appropriately managed.

Talbot Action Inc. Secretary Graham Miller said "London House is an important building to the Talbot community so it's wonderful to see the new business venture begin."

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/londonhouse

MEET THE... MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH TEAM

Council's Maternal and Child Health Service is a free health service for all families with children, from birth up until school age.



Opposite:
Council's Maternal and Child Health team.



Our Maternal and Child Health team guide families through their early parenting years and support their child/children's development, growth, nutrition, general wellbeing and safety.

Led by Coordinator Courtney Noonan, our Maternal and Child Health team includes Fiona Devereaux, Pamela Barber, Pauline Petschel, Leonie Harper, Kristen Lummis and Hannah Castles and supported by Karlye Crawford and Shannyn Stevens.

Our Maternal and Child Health Nurses are Registered Nurses and Midwives with additional qualifications in maternal and child health, community health and an Early Parenting Practitioner.

Our universal and enhanced services include:

- 10 Key age and stage consultations
- Health and developmental monitoring
- Health, parenting, nutritional and child safety information, support and advice
- Breast feeding information and support
- New parents groups
- Education sessions
- Immunisation information
- Community linkages



Above: Maryborough resident Lauren Potter with son Jackson enjoying the new space.

Look at all these gorgeous new parents and babies

Our Maternal and Child Health team host a regular New Parents Group.

The six-week facilitated program is an opportunity to connect with other families and share experiences.

To find out when the next group starts, or for more information contact our Maternal Child Health team on 5461 6550.

A welcoming space

Looking for a central place in town to change and feed your baby? To make a private phone call or enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee? We've recently created a welcoming new space (with a fantastic view!) for parents and carers to visit with their babies and toddlers. There's a comfortable chair for feeding, a change table and if you have toddler aged children there are toys to keep them busy!

Help yourself to the water fountain and fruit bowl and there are some complementary self-care items to spoil our local caregivers.

No appointment necessary. The space can be used anytime during our opening hours between 9am and 5pm. The space is located at the Maternal and Child Health Centre at the Goldfields Family Centre.



The Maternal and Child Health team is located the Goldfields Family Centre, 100 Napier Street, Maryborough.

Visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/maternalandchildhealth or call 5461 6550 to speak with an MCH nurse or arrange an appointment.

COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE

It's been a busy 20 months in office for our Councillors, since their election to Central Goldfields Shire Council in November 2020.

One of the first, and most important tasks was to develop the Council Plan 2021-2024 – a requirement for all councils across Victoria.

The document sets out our strategic direction by outlining priorities and actions for the coming four years – it identifies the projects that will have the greatest impact in addressing our community's needs – whilst making sure Council remains financially sustainable and continues to deliver key services.

These priorities are guided by the Community Vision – which was developed with the community through a range of projects and refined and finalised by the Community Advisory Group. It outlines our community's goals for the future and how our Shire should grow and develop in a sustainable way.

Our community vision is to create “An inspiring, thriving, healthy and prosperous community of choice”.

Project highlights delivered so far:



Projects

- ✓ Funding secured for Stage 4 Carisbrook Levee
- ✓ Partner in World Heritage Bid for Central Victoria (pictured above)
- ✓ Relocation of Visitor Information Centre to Railway Station
- ✓ VicRoads relocated to Council's Customer Service Centre
- ✓ Gallery collection digitised



Infrastructure

- ✓ Lighting installed around Lake Victoria
- ✓ Upgrades to Princes Park precinct for Energy Breakthrough
- ✓ Township upgrades delivered as part of Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program
- ✓ \$300,000 invested in new footpaths (pictured above)

Strategic work

- ✓ Council Plan
- ✓ Community Vision
- ✓ Positive Ageing Strategy
- ✓ Health and Wellbeing Plan
- ✓ Disability Action Plan
- ✓ Climate Action Plan
- ✓ Reconciliation Action Plan underway
- ✓ Motorised Mobility Scooter Strategy
- ✓ Volunteer Strategy and Action Plan
- ✓ Advocacy for improved mobile phone coverage and internet connectivity (pictured right)
- ✓ Long Term Financial Plan
- ✓ Asset Plan



Community

- ✓ \$33,000 to community groups as part of the 2021 grant program
- ✓ Youth Council established
- ✓ Walking and Cycling Advisory Group established (pictured above)
- ✓ COVID Financial Support Package
- ✓ Aerodrome Taskforce established
- ✓ Advocacy to see Bristol Hill re-opened to community

For a full list of achievements to date visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilplanprogress2022



Advocating for our community

Advocating to both levels of government for initiatives and projects that are needed and important to our community is an important part of the work of Council.

Funding secured!

Recently, Council has successfully advocated for and secured funding for the following projects:

Victorian Government:

- ✓ \$400,000 towards the resurfacing of the old asphalt courts for the Maryborough Tennis Club and Maryborough Rovers Football Netball Club (pictured above)
- ✓ \$30,000 to develop the Central Goldfields Shire Play Space Strategy
- ✓ Four additional weekend rail services to the Maryborough Passenger Rail Line
- ✓ \$2,000 to celebrate local young people as part of Victorian Youth Fest 2022 (pictured above).
- ✓ \$225,000 for Stage 2&3 of the Indigenous Interpretative Garden at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery
- ✓ \$355,215 for additional works as part of the Gallery redevelopment
- ✓ Share in \$500,000 for new financial management, rates and property and customer relationship management technology – following a joint funding application with Pyrenees Shire Council.



Federal Government:

- ✓ \$1.579 million as part of the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – phase three which will see \$1,139,092 invested in our swimming pools and \$440,000 for community infrastructure projects.

Treasurer visit

Treasurer of Victoria, Hon Tim Pallas visited Maryborough in May to announce funding at Princes Park.

During his visit, Council and community leaders had the opportunity to discuss local challenges, issues and plans.

As a follow up to the visit, Council has written to the Treasurer to formalise the issues and projects requiring support from the Victorian Government:

- Opportunities for partnering to create future prosperity, opportunity and wellbeing
- Talbot futures project
- Industrial employment precinct
- Central Maryborough development
- Maryborough Station Activation Stage 3
- Digital connectivity
- Affordable and social housing
- Passenger rail enhancements
- Investment in built heritage



